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In re Application of: John C. Thacker et al.
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Delivery Via a Data Distribution System

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims as indicated.

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8. (Twice amended) The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the harvesting software:
processes statistics derived from the master cache and the local caches to produces a list
of content to add to the master cache and a list of content to delete from the master cache;
[forming] forms a pseudo client to retrieve and verify the content to be added to the
master cache; and
[transmitting] transmits the verified content from the master cache to the local caches.

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In Claim 15, line 7, please delete "[56]".

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9 16. (Amended) The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the harvesting software:
processes statistics derived from the master cache and the local caches to produces a list
of content to add to the master cache and a list of content to delete from the master cache;
[forming] forms a pseudo client to retrieve and verify the content to be added to the
master cache; and
[transmitting] transmits the verified content from the master cache to the local caches.

Please add the following new Claims.

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10 17. The system recited in Claim 1 wherein the data distribution system, comprises a
satellite-based data distribution system.--

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--18. The method recited in Claim 9 wherein the data distribution system, comprises a
satellite-based data distribution system.--

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